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Sub C1  
attaching a powder made of an organic material to an outer surface of the plurality of flattened-ring compact bodies;

arranging the plurality of flattened-ring compact bodies adjacently so that axes of the flattened through-holes are vertically arranged;

firing the flattened-ring compact bodies while the powder is interposed between the adjacent flattened-ring compact bodies such that said powder is vaporized during the firing step; and

separating each of said plurality of flattened-ring compact bodies from the adjacently arranged plurality of flattened-ring compact bodies.

Concluded

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5. The method according to claim 3, wherein a bar is attached to each of a pair of sides of the stacked flattened-ring compact bodies.

Sub C1  
11. A method of firing magnetic cores comprising the steps of:  
providing a plurality of thin compact bodies made of a magnetic material and having flattened through holes;  
attaching a powder made of an organic powder to an outer surface of the plurality of thin compact bodies;  
vertically arranging the plurality of thin compact bodies adjacently;  
firing the thin compact bodies while the powder is interposed between the adjacent thin compact bodies such that said powder is vaporized during the firing step; and  
separating each of said plurality of thin compact bodies from the adjacently arranged plurality of thin compact bodies.

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